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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Broadband is critical to the rural way of life. The following are just a few of the examples of why we need local control.

- 1) choice of local providers
- 2) personal connection with providers as they are part of our community
- 3) immediate problem solution with emphasis on results rather than large corporation mandates and dealing with people halfway around the world who have not mastered the english language
- 4) competitive pricing

Having dealt with large corporations, such as AT&T, both on a personal and business level, the service is substandard at best.

Please allow us to keep out local providers and keep large Corporare America from dictating how we work and live.

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